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Reactor Oversight Program Observations Michael C. Parker, Chief Bureau of Nuclear Facility Safety Illinois Emergency Management Agency March 10, 2004



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BYRON STATION Ogle County



QUAD CITIES STATION Rock Island County



LA SALLE STATION La Salle County



ZION STATION (Closed 1998) Lake County



DRESDEN STATION Grundy County



BRAIDWOOD STATION Will County



CLINTON STATION De Witt County

Illinois Experience

- Resident Inspectors at each plant
- Nuclear Facility ASME Enforcement Agency
- In partnership with NRC on the ROP from the beginning

ROP Positive Observations (Program Safety Aspects)

- Emphasis on logical principles
- Emphasis on quantitative vs. qualitative
- Emphasis on licensee self-evaluation
- Outcomes are predictable and stabilizing
- Outcomes offer adequate assurance - Generally

ROP Positive Observations (Public Openness)

- ROP basis information Excellent
- Public meetings Excellent
- Inspection report availability Excellent
- Inspection report content accurate, but not complete

Suggested ROP Improvement Areas

- Relax the threshold limitation between Baseline and Supplemental inspections
- The Licensee Corrective Action Program should be a PI
- PRA development criteria, and therefore PRAs themselves, should be standardized
- PRA technical models and assumptions should be available to stakeholders with a need to know
- NRC's Inspection Reports would be more thorough if all "discoveries" were documented and dispositioned within the report